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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

An Act to Incorporate the Apollo Association for the Promotion of the Fine Arts. [Passed May 7th, 1840.]

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. John W. Francis, James Herring, John H. Gourlie, George Bruce, Augustus Greele, John P. Ridner, John P. Nesmith, Thomas N. Campbell, Prosper M. Wetmore, and such other persons as now are, or may hereafter, from time to time, become associated with them, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The Apollo Association," for the purposes of the promotion of Fine Arts in the United States.

Sec. 2. The corporation hereby created may acquire, hold and purchase, real and personal estate, but the whole income of such real and personal estate shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. The said Association shall have power to make, from time to time, such a Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations as they shall judge proper for the election of officers, for prescribing their respective functions, and the mode of discharging the same, for the admission of new members into the said Association, for the government of the officers and members thereof, for regulating the annual rate of contributions towards the funds thereof; appointing the times and places of meeting for managing the affairs of said Association, and for the suspending or expelling such officers and members as shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations thereof.

Sec. 4. The officers of said Association shall consist of a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Management consisting of fifteen members who are not professional artists, and such other officers as the As-

sociation may deem necessary, who shall be annually chosen by a plurality of votes, on the third Monday in December; and if the annual Election shall not be held on that day, then it shall be lawful to make such election on any other day, on due notice being given to the members of the intention to hold such election, and there being present at the time and place designated, fifty members of the Association; and in case a vacancy shall take place between the annual meetings, then it shall be lawful for such vacancy to be filled by the Officers and Committee of Management, at any regular meeting of said Committee, and the person or persons so chosen, shall continue in office until the next annual election, or until others are chosen in their places.

Sec. 5. This act shall continue in force for the period of twenty-one years, subject however to amendments, modification, or repeal by the Legislature.

Sec. 6. The said Corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the restrictions and liabilities prescribed in the third title of the 18th chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

An Act to Amend the Act to Incorporate the Apollo Association for the Promotion of the Fine Arts, passed May 7, 1840.

[Passed January 29th, 1844, by a two-third vote.]

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The name of the Apollo Association, for the promotion of the Fine Arts in the United States, is hereby changed to the American Art-Union.

Sec. 2. The distribution of works of Art, belonging to the Association provided for in the Constitution thereof, and the Annual Election of Officers, shall be held on the Friday preceding the twenty-fifth day of December in each year, instead of the time stated in the fourth section of the act hereby amended.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.